

# Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile KENTUCKY

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<b>Focus Areas Funded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance and Epidemiology – Core Activities</li> </ul>
<b>Kentucky has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing plans for a web-based electronic surveillance reporting system;</li> <li>• Providing technical assistance regarding epidemiology and surveillance activities;</li> <li>• Participating in a Bioterrorism tabletop exercise.</li> <li>• Conducting a course on Bioterrorism agents for fire department personnel;</li> <li>• Presenting an overview of state and CDC public-health related Bioterrorism activities to the Governor's Cabinet;</li> <li>• Evaluating symptom-based, 911-based, and emergency room-based surveillance systems for detection Bioterrorism events;</li> <li>• Distributing copies of "Medical Management of Biological Casualties and Chemical Casualties" to all health departments, county emergency agencies, and hospitals, and others upon request;</li> <li>• Hiring a Bioterrorism Surveillance Epidemiologist for Eastern Kentucky;</li> <li>• Conducting presentations to all local health departments, four Family Practice Review conferences, and several other governmental and private groups;</li> <li>• Participating in 3 tabletop exercises; and,</li> <li>• Sending 3 Department nurses to Bioterrorism training.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing development of the web -based electronic surveillance reporting system, ensuring compatibility with the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System standards;</li> <li>• Collaborating with state and local stakeholders regarding Bioterrorism surveillance issues;</li> <li>• Planning and conducting a tabletop exercise for summer 2001; and,</li> <li>• Distributing a computerized Bioterrorism agent resource program to local health departments.</li> </ul>

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